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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

October 9, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PARKER GRIFFITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

The approaching celebration of Columbus Day brings to mind an acclamation of the prophet Ezekiel:

"God sees us in our nothingness. Yet God waits for us to grow into the maturity of our calling."

Lord, this land has been productive and this country has flourished since its discovery by Europeans. Yet we anguish over our lack of full maturity when we humbly admit our neglect or indifference, or when we are made aware of the violence among our children, the poverty of the homeless, and the hopelessness of the jobless.

As You have waited and rejoiced in our growth in the past, so now, deepen the call You have placed in the hearts of all Americans; that Your goodness may be manifested in us. And then Your calling will bring this Nation to true greatness by our love for one another—both now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

### EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-authorized official travel during the first quarter and second quarter of 2009 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Gary L. Ackerman .....	4/14	4/15	Cyprus .....		424.85		(3)				424.85
	4/15	4/19	India .....		1,546.86		(3)				1,546.86
	4/19	4/20	Italy .....		344.35		(3)				344.35
	5/23	5/27	Israel .....		1,928.00		(3)				1,928.00
	5/27	5/27	Lebanon .....		0.00		(3)				0.00
	5/27	5/28	Jordan .....		359.97		(3)				359.97
Jasmeet Ahuja .....	4/14	4/15	Cyprus .....		424.85		(3)				424.85
	4/15	4/19	India .....		1,419.31		(3)				1,419.31
	4/19	4/20	Italy .....		344.35		(3)				344.35
Douglas Anderson .....	7/1	7/5	Thailand .....		811.10		(3)				811.10
Roundtrip airfare .....							8,422.21				8,422.21
David Beraka .....	4/3	4/5	Egypt .....		634.00		(3)				634.00
	4/5	4/8	Ethiopia .....		2,233.00		(3)				2,233.00
	4/8	4/11	Cyprus .....		818.00		(3)				818.00
Paul Berkowitz .....	4/11	4/17	Ukraine .....		1,722.00						1,722.00
	4/17	4/20	Czech Republic .....		1,356.00						1,356.00

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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